

REMARKS

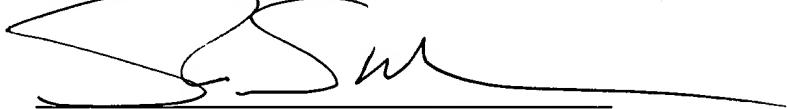
Claims 1-58 are pending. The Office Action restricts the pending claims to four groups: Group I, claims 1-17, 22-34, and 43-54; Group II, claims 18, 19, 39, 40, and 55-58; Group III, claims 20, 21, 41, and 42; and, Group IV, claims 35-38. Applicant hereby elects Group I without traverse and withdraws Groups II-IV (claims 18-21, 35-42, and 55-58). Examination and allowance of claims 1-17, 22-34, and 43-54 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully assert that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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